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YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA, et al.)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM:)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending applications which have been assigned in common with the present application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/785,963,
filed March 17, 1997 (GAU 2612);

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/066,857,
filed April 28, 1998 (GAU 1753); and

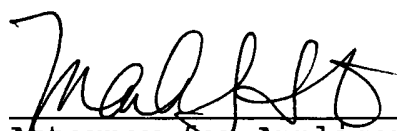
U.S. Patent Application No. 08/351,956,
filed December 8, 1994 (GAU 2505).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of these co-pending applications have not been enclosed, nor have they been listed on Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is respectfully directed to Patent and Trademark Office files for review of these applications.

The Examiner is urged to study these applications in their entirety to determine their relevance to the claimed invention.

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